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is launching a Call for papers in view of a Special Issue on

Fear, Economic Behaviour and Public Policies

planned for the end of 2013.

Editors of the issue will be **Mario A. Cedrini** (Università di Torino), **Marco Novarese** (Università del Piemonte Orientale), **Riccardo Viale** (Università Milano Bicocca) and **Robin Pope** (Centre for Adaptive Behaviour and Cognition, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin).

This Special Issue addresses the influence of fear on economic behaviour and the role it plays in shaping public policies. An inescapable factor affecting decision-making at all levels, including the strictly individual one, fear is increasingly called upon to explain individual and governmental choices, all the more so in the times of the global crisis and the European debt impasse. Still, on one side, downplaying the importance of systemic risk and radical uncertainty in financial markets, mainstream economics clearly failed both to evaluate the possibility of crisis and, above all, to cope adequately with its effects; on the other, even heterodox or non-conventional approaches tend to downplay the importance of fear as a specific, autonomous factor in explaining economic and financial behaviour at both the individual and aggregate level.

The strength of the concept of fear arguably derives from its capacity to unify all the dimensions of the human being (individual and collective, rational and emotional, theoretical and practical) and to create a connection between different levels of analysis (micro and macro levels) and approaches (behavior, cognition and neuroscience studies; social, institutional and political analysis).

For this special issue *Mind & Society* call for papers that cover the following:

RELEVANT TOPICS

- *Fear and the brain*
- *The multidimensional influence of fear (also in relation to other emotions) on economic behaviour and public policies;*
- *Effectiveness of individual strategies and public policies in coping with fear;*
- *Fear in economic theory and discourse;*
- *Economic imperialism and the need for an interdisciplinary analysis of fear;*
- *Fear in relation to rationality and rationality in relation to fear.*
- *Fear and the global crisis*

Possible subtopics

- *The brain's need for a balance of fear, hope and trust to develop and maintain its decision-making potential;*
- *The ambiguity of fear in shaping economic behaviour;*
- *Increase in fear as the result of a generalized decline of trust and social cohesion;*
- *Fear in the international dimension: its role in shaping public policies in the times of globalization*
- *Fear, control, and expertise*

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